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Yukon Artists, Performers Participating in Winterlude 2008 in Canada's Capital

WHITEHORSE, YUKON – A select group of Yukon performers and artists will participate in Winterlude in Canada's Capital Region, thanks to coordinated efforts between the National Capital Commission (NCC) and the Government of Yukon.

The 30th edition of Winterlude takes place from Feb. 1-17, 2008, and highlights northern traditions. Residents and visitors will be able to participate in special events on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 and discover artists from the North.

"Winterlude is a unique three-week winter celebration hosted by the National Capital Commission," Premier Dennis Fentie said. "Winterlude is a great opportunity to promote Yukon as an attractive place to live, work and play."

"The performers and artists representing Yukon's diverse cultures are presented by the National Capital Commission and the Yukon government," Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor said.

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"Winterlude is a national forum where talented individuals from our communities are able to showcase their craft to other Canadians, sharing their art and talents reflective of Yukon life."

"Winterlude is the perfect occasion for residents and visitors to discover our Canadian northern traditions," said Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer at the National Capital Commission. "Thanks to this new partnership with the Government of Yukon, the NCC will be able to further showcase artists from the North during this annual winter celebration".

The following Yukon performers and artists will participate at Winterlude: Award-winning Lana Rae and Band, Root Sellers, Groundwork Sessions, Rising Sun Singers, Sundog wood carvers and a Yukon snow carver team.

Attending along with Justice Minister Marian C. Horne are Sundog wood carvers William Callaghan, Kathryn Hall and Calvin Morberg. "These talented artists will be giving live demonstrations showcasing their work during Winterlude," Horne said. "I am very proud of these three talented individuals."

Artistic director Eric Epstein has worked with the Government of Yukon to coordinate the selection of this group with the National Capital Commission.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase Yukon's artists and performers," Epstein said. "I have enjoyed working with the National Capital Commission to help them include a diverse group of Yukon performers and artists at Winterlude this year."

The National Capital Commission (NCC) is a Crown corporation whose mandate is to develop and plan a Capital for future generations and organize events of national significance, such as Winterlude and the Canada Day celebrations in the Capital Region.

For more information about Yukon performers and artists: **www.gov.yk.ca** or about Winterlude festivities: **www.winterlude.gc.ca**.

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